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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions, and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In January 2009 the Pharmacy Board permanently revoked the credential of pharmacy assistant **Amy Bowman** (VB00068290). Bowman diverted four bottles of hydrocodone from her place of employment and did not cooperate with the board's investigation of the matter.

### **Chelan County**

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Cyndy R. Salazar** (NA00118222). Salazar administered an incorrect medication to a patient.

### **Clark County**

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Glenda J. Baxter** (RN00091791). Baxter's license to practice nursing in Oregon was revoked.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Russell G. Tucker** (LP00041862). Tucker was convicted of indecent liberties. He was also convicted of fourth degree assault (domestic violence) on more than one occasion.

### **Island County**

In December 2008 the Pharmacy Board permanently revoked the credential of pharmacy technician **Tara A. Jermasek** (VA00044253). Jermasek diverted drugs from her employer.

### **King County**

In December 2008 the Massage Program placed the license of **John Atkinson** (MA00022085) on probation for two years. He must comply with terms and conditions. Atkinson touched a client's crotch with no therapeutic justification.

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Lyna E. Howard** (NA00192465). Howard failed to comply with terms set against her credential.

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Carla S. Linwood** (NC10091538). Linwood left a patient alone who required 24-hour care.

In December 2008 the Pharmacy Board suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Jonathan W. Ostrand** (VA00040180). Ostrand stole more than \$600 from his employer.

In December 2008 **Tegwith E. Patchell** entered into an agreed order with the Unlicensed Practice Program to permanently cease and desist from engaging in any and all conduct constituting the practice of unlicensed massage in the state of Washington.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Edrene Renee Patterson** (RC00027351). Patterson said she had checked on a client who was under a five-minute check status because of attempted self-harm and/or suicide. Patterson did not visually verify the client's location and safety. The client committed suicide during her shift.

In January 2009 the Massage Program suspended the credential of **Marsena L. Richmond** (MA00006304) for four years. Richmond was convicted of third degree theft on five occasions, criminal assault, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Susan M. Riley** (RC00047415). Riley falsely documented she had checked on a client who was under a five-minute check status because of attempted self-harm and/or suicide. Riley did not visually verify the client's location and safety. The client committed suicide during Riley's shift.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Megan K. Thomas** (RN00123642). Thomas failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Kitsap County**

In December 2008 the Massage Program suspended the credential of **Walter A. Moller** (MA00014895). Moller's actions and comments to a client during a massage constituted sexual misconduct.

### **Mason County**

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Michael Abrams** (NC10100369). Abrams failed to respond to department inquiries regarding a complaint made against him.

### **Pierce County**

In January 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Shirelle J. Mercer** (HC00155208). Mercer was convicted of reckless driving and first degree theft. She concealed this information on her application.

### **Snohomish County**

In January 2009 the Massage Program suspended the credential of **Robin Haight** (MA00021195). Haight did not comply with a child support order.

In December 2008 the Pharmacy Board suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant **Jennifer Funk** (VB00067425). Funk stole several bottles of Oxycontin from her place of employment.

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program permanently revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **Beth S. Knowles** (NC10052776). Knowles was convicted of first degree criminal mistreatment, and the court prohibited her from being employed as a caregiver.

### **Spokane County**

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Cheryl L. Bengry** (NC10054574). Bengry failed to comply with terms set against her credential.

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Elizabeth M. Servania** (RN00122270). Servania did not properly document the administration and wastage of a controlled substance on more than one occasion.

## Out of State

**Arizona:** In December 2008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Kittra J. O'Connor** (RN00122054). O'Connor surrendered her license to practice nursing in Arizona and is prohibited from practicing there.

**Colorado:** In December 2008 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Jennifer Jarvis-Morris** (RN00129770). Jarvis-Morris obtained or tried to obtain drugs from various pharmacies in Washington using forged prescriptions. Her license to practice nursing in Colorado was restricted.

**Nevada:** In January 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Dina A. Miller** (LP00037634). Miller's license to practice nursing in Nevada was revoked.

**North Dakota:** In January 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Shawn E. Jacob** (RN00122949). Jacob's license to practice nursing in North Dakota was indefinitely suspended for failure to comply with a workplace impairment program.

**Texas:** In December 2008 the Pharmacy Board revoked the credentials of pharmacy technician **Aleksandr Milman** (VB00063032), **A-Z Pharmacy** (CF00058237), **A-Z Pharmacy** (CF00058238), and **Lakeshore Pharmacy** (CF00058547). Milman falsely reported to the board the identity of the responsible pharmacy manager at A-Z Pharmacy in Bellevue and forged prescriptions. He also created false records so he could bill Medicaid for drugs and medical supplies that were never delivered to patients. This resulted in billing Medicaid for at least \$1,700,000. He was convicted of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and structuring currency transaction.

**Texas:** In December 2008 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Roberta Rigsbee** (RN00145658). Rigsbee surrendered her license to practice nursing in California. She remains prohibited from practicing in California for a federal conviction of possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. Her license to practice nursing in Montana is also suspended.

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